

Service Area Strategic Plan

Department of Social Services (765)

Service Area 28 of 33

Community Action Agencies (765 492 01)

Description

This service area provides core funding for Virginia’s network of community action agencies and statewide community action organizations. This network provides a wide variety of services designed to ameliorate the effects of poverty and build self-sufficient families and communities. The Department contractually distributes all of these funds to the local community action agencies and statewide organizations. This service area also includes federal TANF funds for five Center for Employment Training (CET) programs.

Background Information

Mission Alignment and Authority

- *Describe how this service supports the agency mission*

This service area supports the mission of the Department by providing resources to the community action network that result in direct services to low-income individuals, families and communities. Community action services enhance the independence, well-being and personal responsibility of these customers.

- *Describe the Statutory Authority of this Service*

The Community Opportunities, Accountability, and Training and Educational Services Act of 1998, Public Law 105-285

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program (TANF) - Title IV-A of the Social Security Act
The Community Action Act, §§ 2.2-5400 et seq.

Customers

| Agency Customer Group | Customer | Customers served annually | Potential annual customers |
|--|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Individuals, Children and Families (served unknown; potential unlimited) | Low-income Individuals and Families (potential unlimited) | 167,765 | 0 |

Anticipated Changes To Agency Customer Base

Changes to the customer base may be influenced by economic factors beyond the Department’s control.

Partners

| Partner | Description |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Community Action Agencies | |
| Local Departments of Social Services | |
| State Agencies | |

Products and Services

- *Factors Impacting the Products and/or Services:*

Factors impacting products and services include the amount of funds appropriated by the federal and state government to operate community-based programs as well as changes to other programs and funding sources that result in an increase or decrease in the need for community-based programs.

- *Anticipated Changes to the Products and/or Services*

The federal Administration and Congress are exploring changes in the current funding stream for CSBG as well as other federal grants including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Changes in these funding streams would have a major impact on a number of community-based programs. Congress is also working on reauthorizing CSBG. When CSBG is reauthorized major changes to the program may occur.

- *Listing of Products and/or Services*

- Support of organizations serving communities
- Services to promote family stability
- Services to protect vulnerable adults
- Economic assistance to low-income families/individuals or nutrition, child care, health care eligibility, and financial assistance to low-income families/individuals
- Services that promote sufficiency
- Community and economic development projects
- Educational services (e.g., Head Start)
- Housing construction, rehabilitation and weatherization services

Finance

- *Financial Overview*

Funding for Community Action Grants comes from general funds and federal funds. The federal funds come from two sources primarily, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds.

- *Financial Breakdown*

| | Fiscal Year 2009 | | Fiscal Year 2010 | |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | General Fund | Nongeneral Fund | General Fund | Nongeneral Fund |
| Base Budget | \$7,092,645 | \$12,726,423 | \$7,092,645 | \$12,726,423 |
| Change To Base | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Service Area Total | \$7,092,645 | \$12,726,423 | \$7,092,645 | \$12,726,423 |

Service Area Objectives

- Support the Community Action Agency network.

Alignment to Agency Goals

- Agency Goal: Maximize the economic independence, safety and stability of individuals and families

Objective Measures

- Number of individuals receiving services from the Community Action Agency network

Governor's Key:

No

Measure Type:

Output

Measure Frequency:

Annual

Frequency Comment: Number of individuals served through CAA

Measure Baseline: 101,658 individuals received services in SFY 2005.

Measure Target: 120,000 individuals will receive services by the end of SFY 2010.

Data Source and Calculation: Annual reports from agencies will be aggregated to give a network-wide total.